



ROUTE 99

CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

CALTRANS IS WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP A ROUTE 99 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN. THE MASTER PLAN IS A GUIDE TO STRENGTHEN CORRIDOR AND COMMUNITY IDENTITY, AND TO FOSTER UNITY IN LANDSCAPE AND STRUCTURAL AESTHETICS THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE 99 CORRIDOR FROM BAKERSFIELD TO LODI. ADDITIONALLY, THE MASTER PLAN IDENTIFIES PROGRAMMED AND PLANNED PROJECTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND MOBILITY AND TO ADDRESS CAPACITY NEEDS. THESE PROJECTS ARE THE PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE GOALS OF THE MASTER PLAN.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Route 99 is the principal north/south freeway in the Central Valley and is a major connector to all east/west routes that link to the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Coast, and the Sierra Nevada.
- It is sometimes known as the "main street" of the Central Valley because of its significance for movement of goods and services.
- Daily traffic on Route 99 ranges from 30,000 to more than 100,000 vehicles, and 12 to more than 30 percent of traffic is commercial truck traffic.
- Many portions of Route 99 were constructed as far back as the late 1950s and early 1960s.
- Route 99 is a "Priority Global Gateway" for goods movement.
- It is identified as an Intermodal Corridor of Economic Significance.

GOALS OF ROUTE 99 CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

- Adopt a Route 99 Corridor Master Plan that is universally accepted and guides public and private sector decisions along the corridor.
- Create a San Joaquin Valley Route 99 corridor identity.
- Establish a plan that maximizes safety, improves operations, fosters economic vitality, and protects environmental resources.

TIMELINE

Following the public meetings, input provided will be used to complete a final Master Plan. Input must be received by December 20, 2004. It is anticipated that the final draft will be available April 2005. A Route 99 Corridor Master Plan Advisory Team will be established to review and comment on consistency of the local proposals with Route 99 corridor themes. This will be done on an ongoing basis.

After the Master Plan is finalized, Caltrans will seek resolutions of support from cities and counties along the corridor.

The Master Plan will be a "living" document. This means it will be updated in the future as necessary to provide current information for decision-makers.

The appearance of Route 99 changes from county to county, with varying aesthetic treatments, from sloped paving and retaining walls to sound walls and landscaping. Beautification efforts have become a top priority for many communities along this roadway. An objective will be to unify theme-based improvements along the Route 99 corridor. Several factors will be considered when the Master Plan is finalized, and recommended aesthetic improvements may include:

- Corridor identifier
- Community identifier
- Highway planting
- Roadside aesthetic treatments
- Gateway monuments
- Rest area improvements

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ROUTE 99 COVERAGE AREA

Route 99 is a vital part of the state highway system and is the lifeline of California. This roadway intersects one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. The coverage area of the Master Plan spans seven counties and more than 250 miles.



COMMUNITY INPUT

Caltrans is committed to keeping the public involved during the development of the Master Plan. Comments and feedback will help representatives better understand what issues are most important to local residents, and they will be considered in the plan.

How You Can Become Involved

If you are interested in learning more about the Route 99 Corridor Master Plan or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Project Managers Randy Treece at 559-488-4153 or by e-mail at randy_treece@dot.ca.gov, or Jim Bane at 559-243-3469 or by e-mail at jim_bane@dot.ca.gov.

To download a copy of the draft Master Plan or to obtain more information about this project, visit the project Web page at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/99masterplan.index.html>.

